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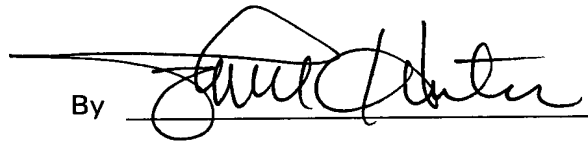
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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		918,766	2/3/59	Dyke			
		3,648,696	3/14/72	Keith			
		3,713,423	1/30/73	Sparr, Sr.			
		4,034,714	7/12/77	Umbaugh, et al			
		4,305,346	12/15/81	Sparr, Sr.			
		4,101,770	4/7/92	Stevenson			
		4,924,809	5/15/90	Verbrugge			
		5,195,455	3/23/93	Van der Lely, et al			
		5,390,627	2/21/95	Van der Berg, et al			
		5,535,700	7/16/96	Boudreau			
		5,673,650	10/7/97	Mottram, et al			
		5,934,220	4/10/99	Hall, et al			
		6,234,110	5/22/01	Xavier			
		6,302,058 B1	10/16/01	Dahl, et al			
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
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		2622794	8/12/77	Germany			
		89/116720	6/27/86	Europe			X
		89/108565	6/27/86	Europe			
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		89/00378	1/26/89	PCT			
		97/201047	4/8/97	Europe			
		99/46978	9/23/99	PCT			
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